

Ontarians are twice as likely to say spending money on public education is more important than eliminating the deficit

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Two in three
Ontarians think it
is better to elect
rather than
appoint school
board trustees

A majority of Ontarians agree that spending in public education is an investment in the future and they are twice as likely to say that spending on public education is more important than eliminating the deficit. Two thirds of Ontarians oppose or somewhat oppose having larger average class sizes or less course selection in order to save money. Ontarians are also nearly five times as likely to say that trustees should be elected rather than appointed. Asked about a number of initiatives, expanding opportunities for students to learn skilled trades and earn apprenticeship hours garnered the highest intensity of support.

Public education system

- Nearly twice as many Ontarians think Ontario students get lower rather than higher than average scores on international tests** – Asked what kinds of scores they think Ontario's students consistently receive in international learning achievement tests, just over half of Ontarians (55%) say average scores, while 24 per cent say lower than average and 12 per cent say higher than average. Ten per cent are unsure. Respondents aged 40 and above were more likely to say Ontario's students receive lower scores compared to those under 40 (for example, 31% said lower among the 40 to 49-year-olds compared to 16% among those 18 to 29).

School board governance

- Two thirds of Ontarians think it is better to elect school board trustees** – Just over two in three Ontarians (67%) say that given the choice it is better to elect School Board Trustees than to have them appointed by the Government of Ontario (14%). Nineteen per cent are unsure. Those with two or more children in public school (75%) are more likely to opt for electing trustees than those without any children in public school (66%).

Funding priorities

- Three in five Ontarians say it is more important to spend on education than eliminate the deficit** – Asked which is the more important priority, 61 per cent of Ontarians said spending on public money on public education is more important than eliminating the deficit and paying down the debt (30%). Nine per cent are unsure.

Over nine in ten
Ontarians agree
or somewhat
agree that
spending on
public education
is an investment
in the future

- **Just over two in three Ontarians oppose or somewhat oppose using tax dollars to fund private education** – A little over two thirds of Ontarians oppose (45%) or somewhat oppose (22%) public tax dollars being used to help fund the private education system, while 16 per cent somewhat support and nine per cent support this. Eight per cent are unsure. There is less opposition among those who have one child in public school and among residents of the City of Toronto (59% oppose or somewhat oppose, respectively).
- **Nearly two thirds of Ontarians think funding for education should be set based on number of students and inflation** – Asked how funding for education in Ontario should be set, 65 per cent of Ontarians say it should be set based on number of students and inflation, while 24 per cent say it should be set based on overall provincial spending and school boards should work within this budget. Eleven per cent are unsure.
- **A majority of Ontarians agree that spending on public education is an investment in the future** – More than nine in ten Ontarians agree (68%) or somewhat agree (26%) that spending on public education is an investment in the future, while three per cent somewhat disagree and two per cent disagree. Two per cent are unsure.
- **Nine in ten Ontarians say it is important or somewhat important to invest in school maintenance and repairs** – Nine tenths of Ontarians say more funding for the maintenance, repair, and renewal of schools is an important (42%) or somewhat important (48%) priority, while six per cent say it is somewhat unimportant and two per cent say unimportant. Two per cent are unsure.
- **Nine tenths of Ontarians say it is important or somewhat important to invest in special education** – A majority of Ontarians say more funding for special education programs which help students with behavioural, communication, intellectual and physical issues is an important (52%) or somewhat important (38%) priority, while six per cent say it is a somewhat unimportant and two per cent an unimportant priority. Two per cent are unsure.

Nearly nine in ten
Ontarians think
mental health
support for
students and staff
is important or
somewhat
important

- **Just under nine in ten Ontarians think mental health support is important or somewhat important** – Over four in five Ontarians say more funding for school boards to offer mental health support for students and staff is an important (50%) or somewhat important (38%) priority, while six per cent say somewhat unimportant and three per cent say unimportant priority. Three per cent are unsure.

Support for initiatives

- **Just over four in five Ontarians support or somewhat support school boards having more autonomy** – A little over four in five Ontarians support (37%) or somewhat support (46%) school boards having more autonomy to ensure their budgets reflect local needs, while six per cent somewhat oppose and three per cent oppose this initiative. Eight per cent say they are unsure.
- **Seven in ten Ontarians support or somewhat support having an Indigenous education curriculum** – Seven tenths of Ontarians support (33%) or somewhat support (38%) having mandatory indigenous education curriculum for all students which advance students' knowledge and understanding of First Nation, Métis, and Inuit histories, cultures, contributions and perspectives, while 15 per cent somewhat oppose and eight per cent oppose this initiative. Seven per cent say they are unsure. There is a higher intensity of support in the City of Toronto (77%) and a lower intensity of support in Central and Northern Ontario (61%).
- **A majority of Ontarians support expanding opportunities for learning skilled trades** – More than nine in ten Ontarians support (67%) or somewhat support (27%) expanding the opportunities for students to learn skilled trades and earn apprenticeship hours while in secondary school, while three per cent somewhat oppose and one per cent oppose this initiative. Two per cent are unsure.

Two thirds of
Ontarians oppose
or somewhat
oppose having
larger class sizes
or less course
selection in order
to save money

- **Over seven tenths of Ontarians support or somewhat support standardized testing** – More than seven in ten Ontarians support (39%) or somewhat support (33%) having standardized testing/assessment of Ontario students, while 13 per cent somewhat oppose and 10 per cent oppose this initiative. Five per cent say they are unsure. Intensity of support for this initiative is higher among older Ontarians (81% of those 60 plus support or somewhat support compared to 58% of those 18 to 29), males (77% support or somewhat support compared to 68% of females), those without children in the public system (74% compared to 62% of those with two children in the system) and residents of the GTA (77% compared to 66% in Eastern Ontario).
- **More than half of Ontarians think all students should be tested in standardized testing** – Asked their opinion on the best approach to conducting standardized testing/assessment, 54 per cent of Ontarian say all students should be tested, followed by 23 per cent who think student in some grades only should be tested, and 15 per cent who say a random selection of students should be tested. Eight per cent are unsure. Residents of Central/Northern Ontario are more likely to say that all students should be tested (60% compared to 45% in Eastern Ontario).

Class size

- **Two thirds of Ontarians oppose or somewhat oppose larger class sizes** – Two in three Ontarians oppose (41%) or somewhat oppose (25%) having larger class sizes where there are more students per teacher in order to save money, while 11 per cent support and 19 per cent somewhat support this. Four per cent are unsure. Intensity of opposition is stronger among women (72% oppose or somewhat oppose) than men (59% oppose or somewhat oppose).
- **Just over two thirds of Ontarians oppose or somewhat oppose having less course selection** – A little more than two in three Ontarians oppose (43%) or somewhat oppose (24%) having less course selection for students in order to save money in the education budget, while six per cent support and 20 per cent somewhat support this. Seven per cent are unsure.

These observations are based on a representative online survey of 1,005 Ontario residents, 18 years of age or older, between November 8th and 12th, 2019.

This study was commissioned by Ontario Public School Boards' Association and the research was conducted by Nanos Research.

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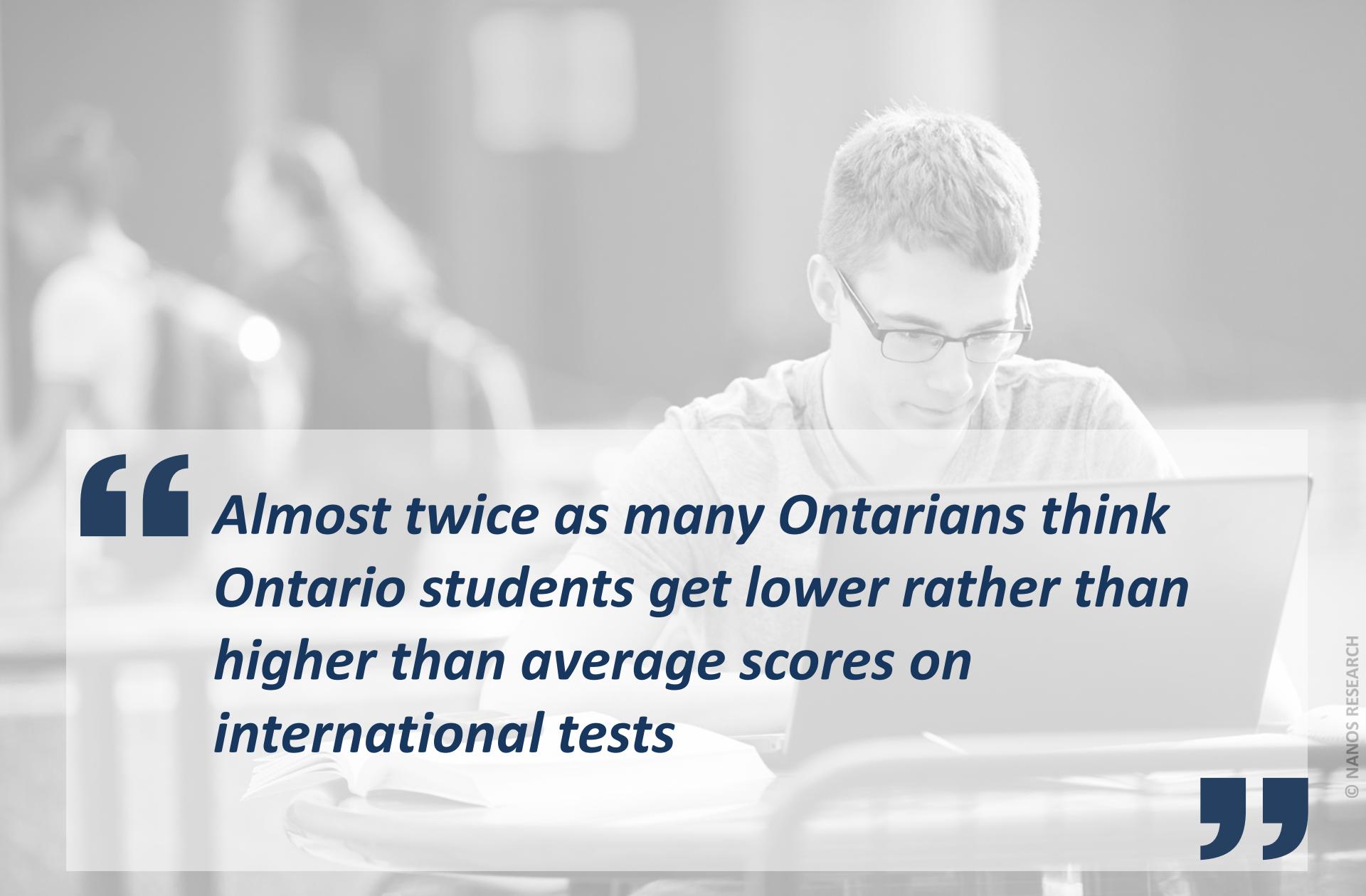
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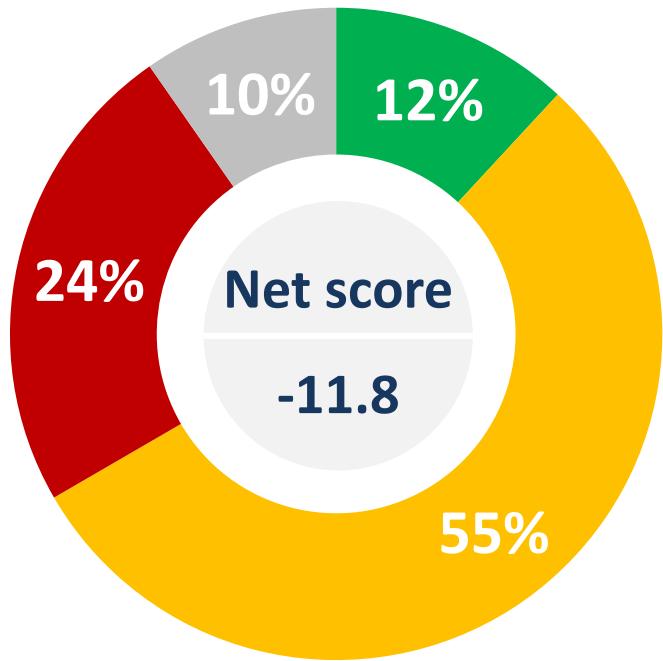
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Methodology



“ Almost twice as many Ontarians think Ontario students get lower rather than higher than average scores on international tests ”

Ontario student scores in international learning achievement tests



	Higher	Average	Lower
City of Toronto (n=204)	14.5%	58.3%	18.5%
Eastern Ontario (n=135)	12.2%	55.6%	22.3%
Golden Horseshoe (n=176)	14.8%	56.8%	24.0%
GTA (n=227)	9.1%	54.6%	23.3%
Central/Northern Ontario (n=155)	11.8%	51.7%	30.4%
Southwestern Ontario (n=108)	7.6%	48.9%	24.9%
Male (n=501)	15.0%	50.8%	26.7%
Female (n=504)	8.9%	58.4%	20.9%
18 to 29 (n=188)	15.4%	59.6%	15.9%
30 to 39 (n=192)	13.7%	61.7%	15.6%
40 to 49 (n=154)	9.5%	48.4%	30.8%
50 to 59 (n=168)	9.3%	53.3%	26.3%
60 plus (n=303)	11.5%	52.3%	27.5%
Zero children in public school (n=686)	12.4%	54.9%	22.3%
One child in public school (n=151)	14.0%	53.6%	26.1%
Two or more children in public school (n=113)	5.7%	55.7%	29.1%

■ Higher than average ■ Average ■ Lower than average ■ Unsure

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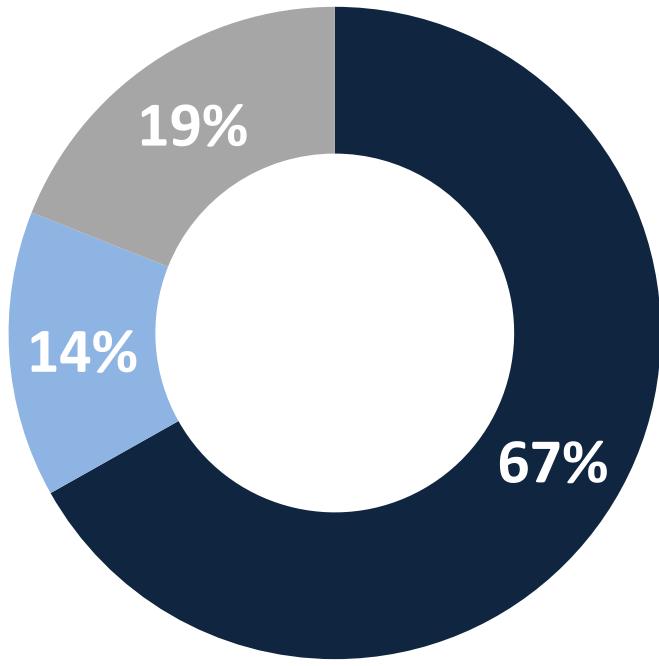
QUESTION – Do you think that Ontario's students consistently receive higher than average, average or lower than average scores in international learning achievement tests?

Source: Nanos Research, online representative survey of Ontarians conducted between November 8th and 12th, 2019, n=1,005



“*Ontarians are nearly five times more likely to think that School Board Trustees should be elected rather than appointed by the provincial government*”

Electing or appointing School Board Trustees



■ Better to elect School Board Trustees

■ Better to have the Government of Ontario appoint School Board Trustees

■ Unsure

Elect trustees	
City of Toronto (n=204)	68.3%
Eastern Ontario (n=135)	68.1%
Golden Horseshoe (n=176)	67.4%
GTA (n=227)	65.1%
Central/Northern Ontario (n=155)	63.9%
Southwestern Ontario (n=108)	70.0%
Male (n=501)	65.5%
Female (n=504)	68.1%
18 to 29 (n=188)	66.1%
30 to 39 (n=192)	67.2%
40 to 49 (n=154)	64.3%
50 to 59 (n=168)	66.6%
60 plus (n=303)	68.9%
Zero children in public school (n=686)	65.5%
One child in public school (n=151)	66.8%
Two or more children in public school (n=113)	75.3%

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QUESTION – Given the choice, is it better to elect School Board Trustees or to have them appointed by the Government of Ontario?

Source: Nanos Research, online representative survey of Ontarians conducted between November 8th and 12th, 2019, n=1,005

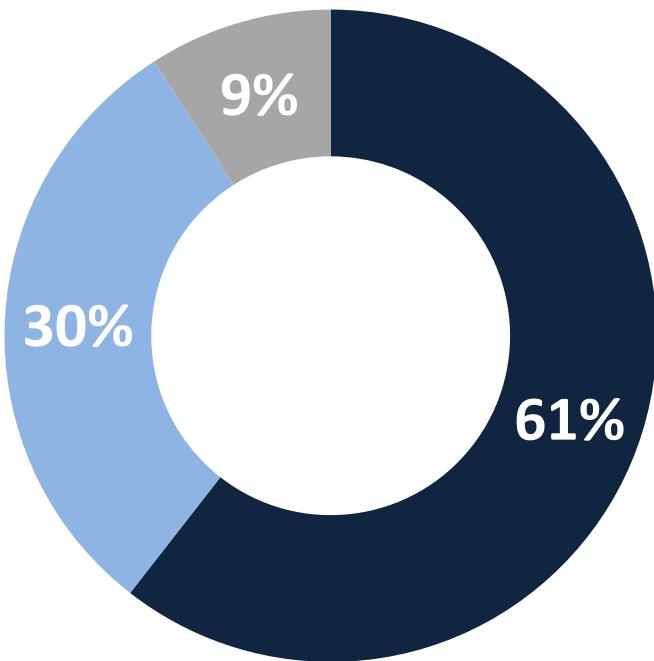
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Twice as many Ontarians think spending on public education is more important than eliminating the deficit and paying down the debt

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Spending on public education versus eliminating deficits



- Spending money on public education
- Eliminating the deficit and paying down the debt
- Unsure

QUESTION – What is a more important spending priority [ROTATE] spending money on public education or eliminating the deficit and paying down the debt?

Source: Nanos Research, online representative survey of Ontarians conducted between November 8th and 12th, 2019, n=1,005

	Spending on public education
City of Toronto (n=204)	64.8%
Eastern Ontario (n=135)	60.5%
Golden Horseshoe (n=176)	60.5%
GTA (n=227)	62.0%
Central/Northern Ontario (n=155)	55.4%
Southwestern Ontario (n=108)	57.8%
Male (n=501)	61.2%
Female (n=504)	60.0%
18 to 29 (n=188)	60.8%
30 to 39 (n=192)	64.4%
40 to 49 (n=154)	54.7%
50 to 59 (n=168)	63.5%
60 plus (n=303)	59.9%
Zero children in public school (n=686)	60.8%
One child in public school (n=151)	58.4%
Two or more children in public school (n=113)	68.2%

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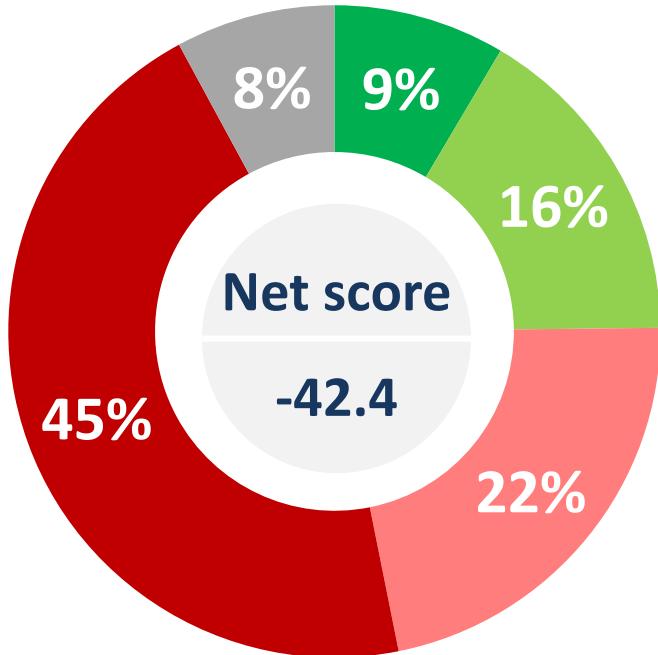
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Support for public funding of private schools



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■ Support ■ Somewhat support ■ Somewhat oppose ■ Oppose ■ Unsure

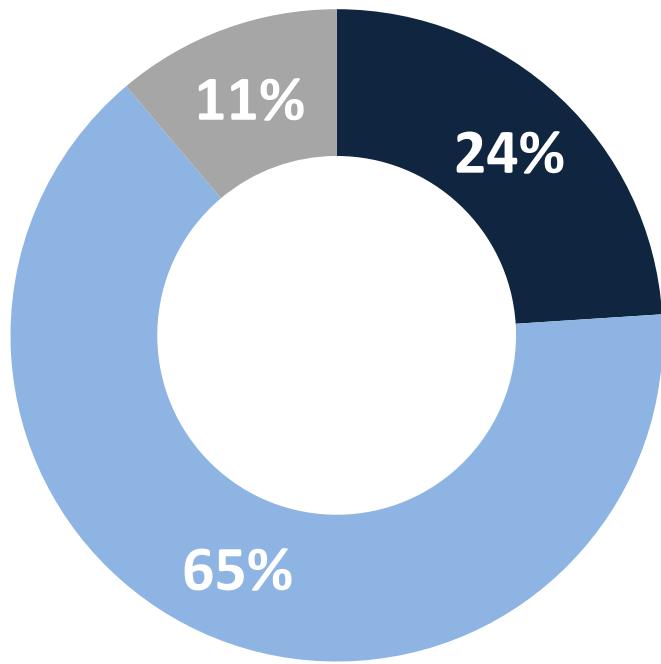
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QUESTION – Do you support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose or oppose public tax dollars being used to help fund the private education system?

Source: Nanos Research, online representative survey of Ontarians conducted between November 8th and 12th, 2019, n=1,005

Views of how funding for education should be set



- The government of Ontario should set education spending based overall provincial spending and school boards should work within this budget
- The Government of Ontario should set education spending based on the number of students and inflation
- Unsure

QUESTION – Thinking of how funding for education in Ontario should be set, which of the following best reflects your personal view. [ROTATE]

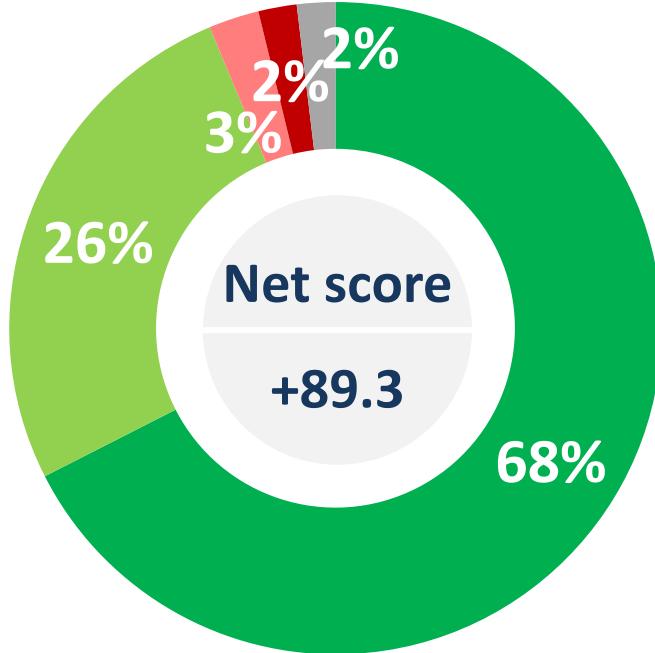
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Set spending based on number of students and inflation	
City of Toronto (n=204)	61.9%
Eastern Ontario (n=135)	68.0%
Golden Horseshoe (n=176)	67.7%
GTA (n=227)	68.7%
Central/Northern Ontario (n=155)	59.5%
Southwestern Ontario (n=108)	62.3%
Male (n=501)	64.3%
Female (n=504)	65.4%
18 to 29 (n=188)	68.6%
30 to 39 (n=192)	67.0%
40 to 49 (n=154)	64.2%
50 to 59 (n=168)	60.0%
60 plus (n=303)	64.7%
Zero children in public school (n=686)	65.2%
One child in public school (n=151)	61.3%
Two or more children in public school (n=113)	72.5%

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Agreement with spending on education as an investment



■ Agree ■ Somewhat agree ■ Somewhat disagree ■ Disagree ■ Unsure

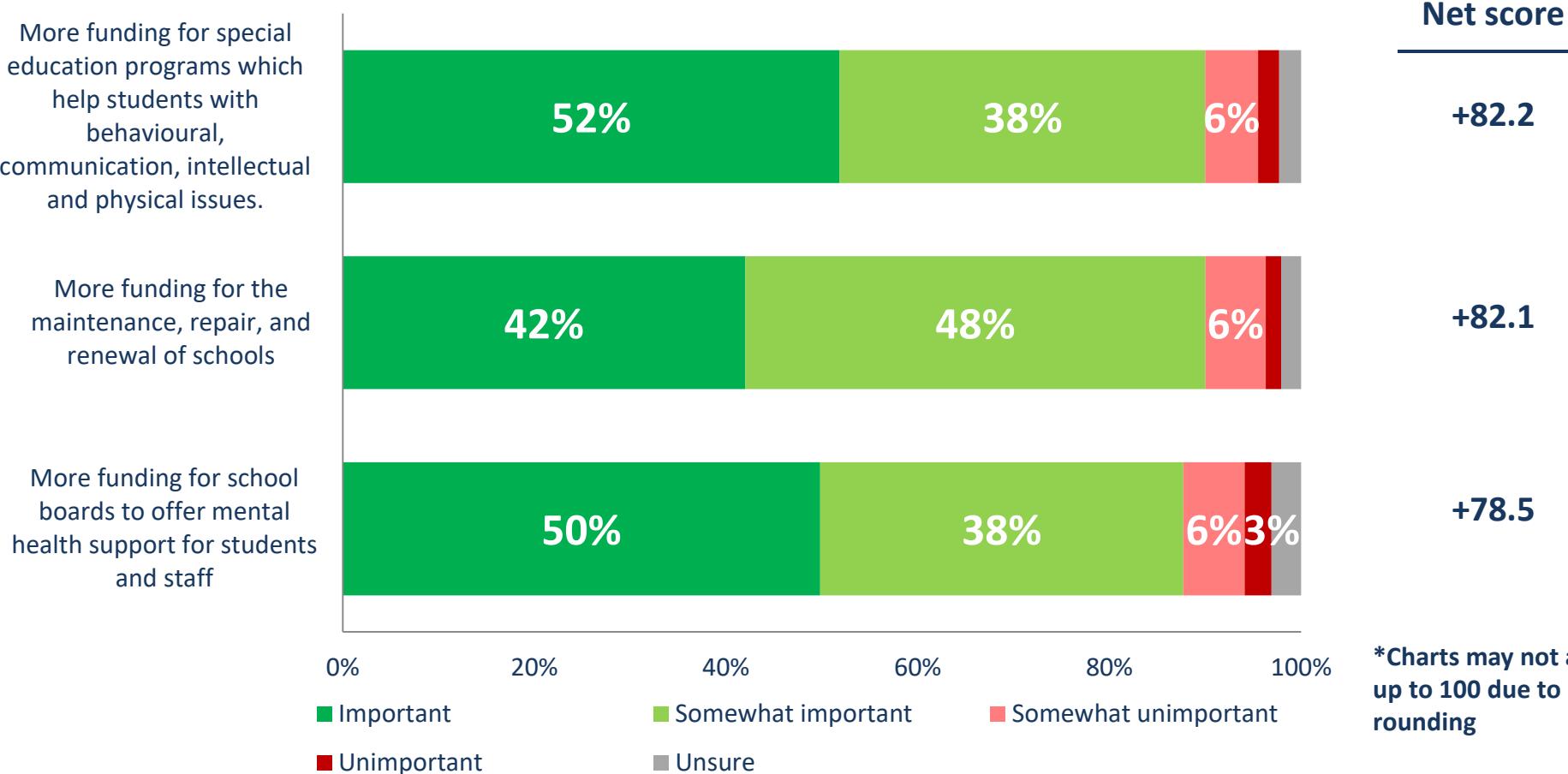
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QUESTION – Do you agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree or disagree that spending on public education is an investment in the future.

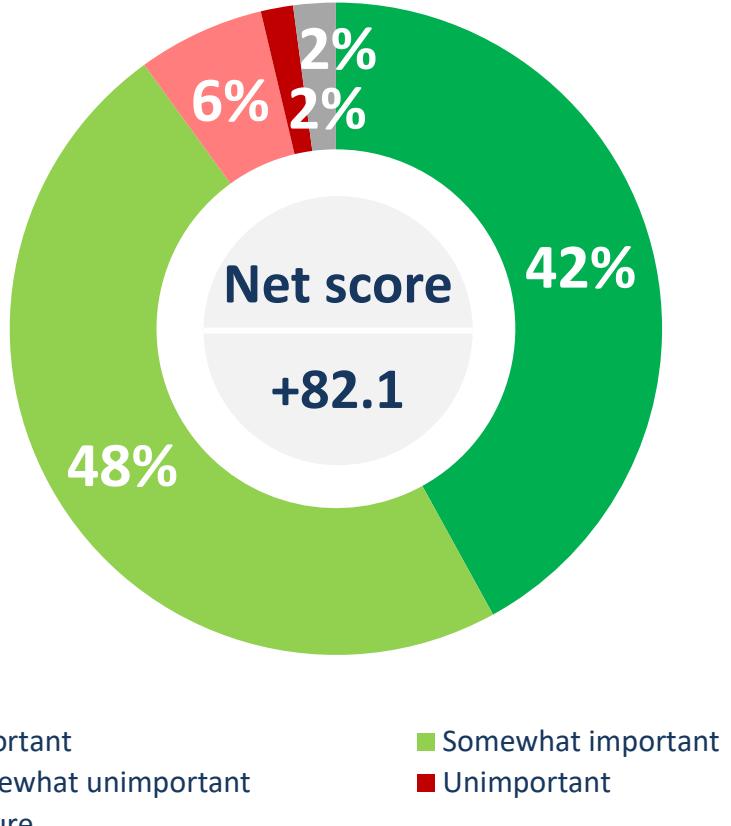
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Importance of funding priorities



QUESTION – Thinking of all the funding priorities in the public school system, are the following important, somewhat important, somewhat unimportant or unimportant priorities for more funding in the school system. [RANDOMIZE]

Importance of funding for maintenance and repairs



QUESTION – Thinking of all the funding priorities in the public school system, are the following important, somewhat important, somewhat unimportant or unimportant priorities for more funding in the school system. [RANDOMIZE]

More funding for the maintenance, repair, and renewal of schools

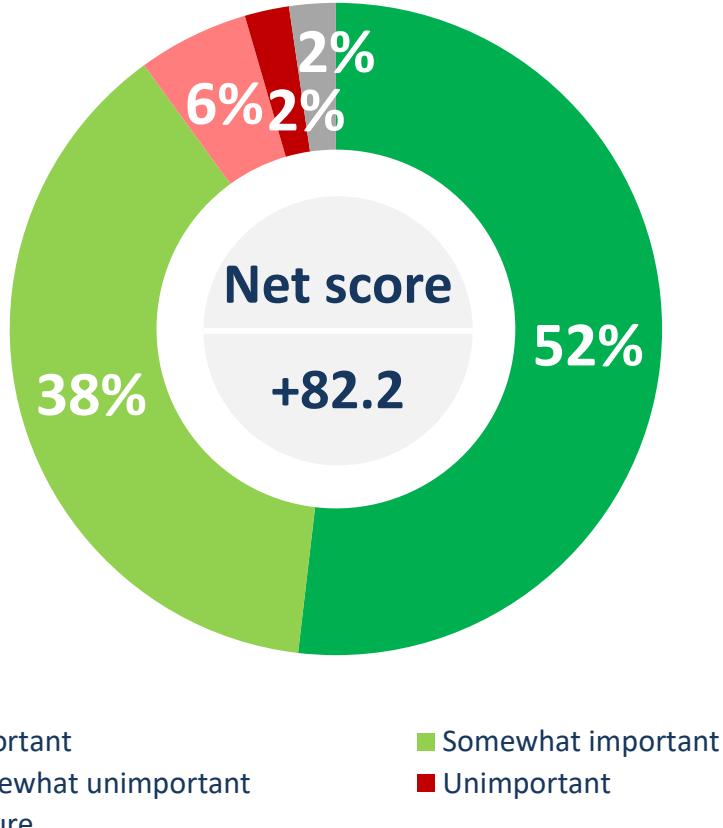
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	Important/ Somewhat important
City of Toronto (n=204)	91.7%
Eastern Ontario (n=135)	93.7%
Golden Horseshoe (n=176)	86.3%
GTA (n=227)	88.6%
Central/Northern Ontario (n=155)	89.1%
Southwestern Ontario (n=108)	92.7%
Male (n=501)	86.8%
Female (n=504)	93.0%
18 to 29 (n=188)	87.1%
30 to 39 (n=192)	86.4%
40 to 49 (n=154)	91.0%
50 to 59 (n=168)	89.3%
60 plus (n=303)	94.0%
Zero children in public school (n=686)	90.8%
One child in public school (n=151)	87.4%
Two or more children in public school (n=113)	90.1%

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Importance of funding for special education programs



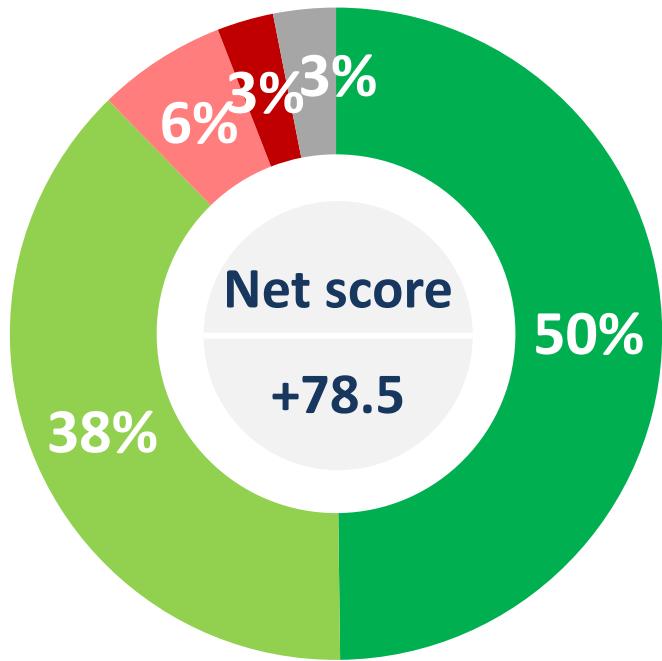
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Zero children in public school (n=686)	90.3%
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Two or more children in public school (n=113)	88.7%

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QUESTION – Thinking of all the funding priorities in the public school system, are the following important, somewhat important, somewhat unimportant or unimportant priorities for more funding in the school system. [RANDOMIZE]
More funding for special education programs which help students with behavioural, communication, intellectual and physical issues

Importance of funding for mental health support



■ Important
■ Somewhat unimportant
■ Unsure

■ Somewhat important
■ Unimportant

QUESTION – Thinking of all the funding priorities in the public school system, are the following important, somewhat important, somewhat unimportant or unimportant priorities for more funding in the school system. [RANDOMIZE]
More funding for school boards to offer mental health support for students and staff

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	Important/ Somewhat important
City of Toronto (n=204)	90.4%
Eastern Ontario (n=135)	90.3%
Golden Horseshoe (n=176)	83.8%
GTA (n=227)	86.4%
Central/Northern Ontario (n=155)	86.6%
Southwestern Ontario (n=108)	89.7%
Male (n=501)	85.1%
Female (n=504)	90.0%
18 to 29 (n=188)	91.7%
30 to 39 (n=192)	89.9%
40 to 49 (n=154)	85.4%
50 to 59 (n=168)	86.5%
60 plus (n=303)	85.8%
Zero children in public school (n=686)	88.8%
One child in public school (n=151)	83.6%
Two or more children in public school (n=113)	88.2%

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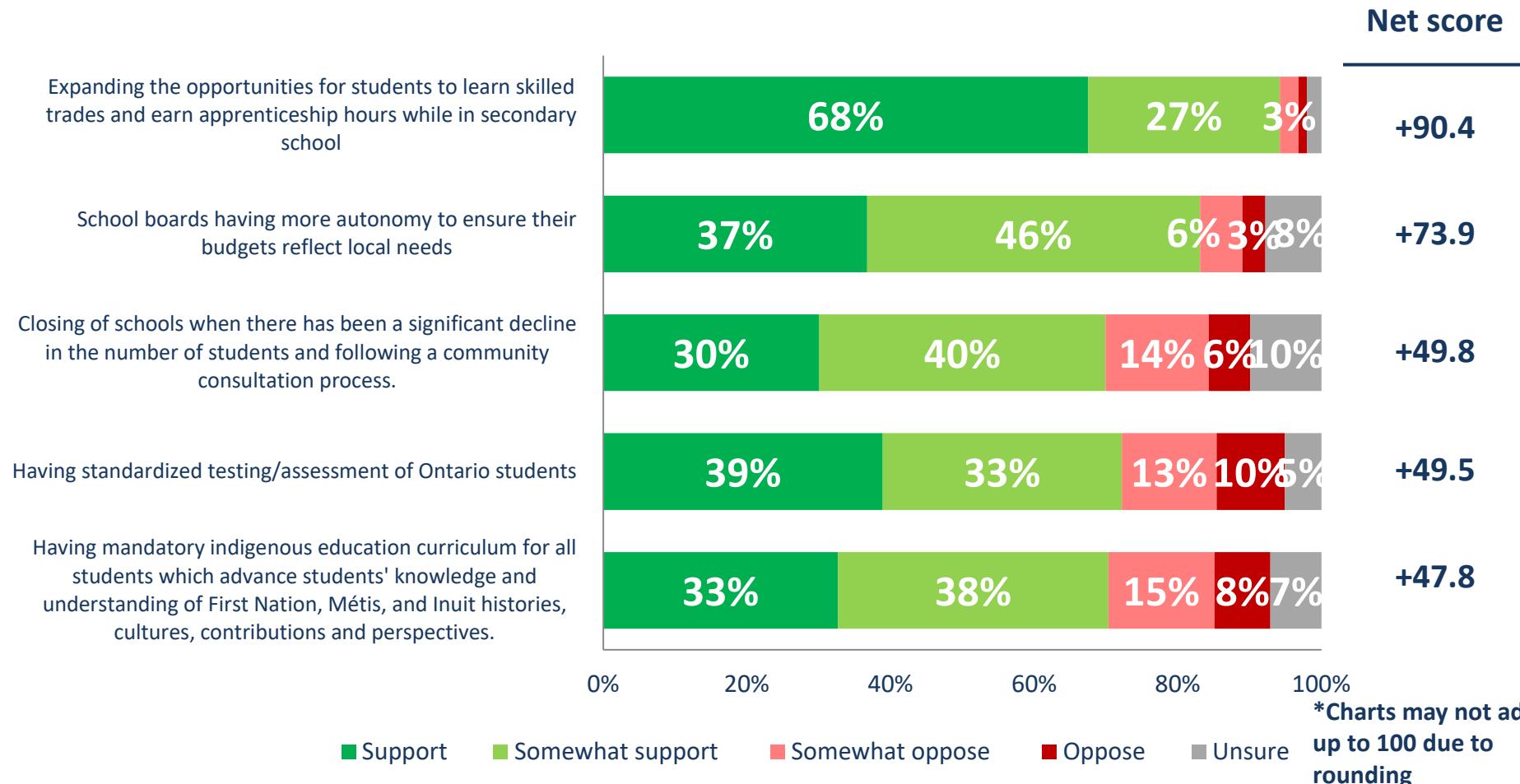


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Support for initiatives



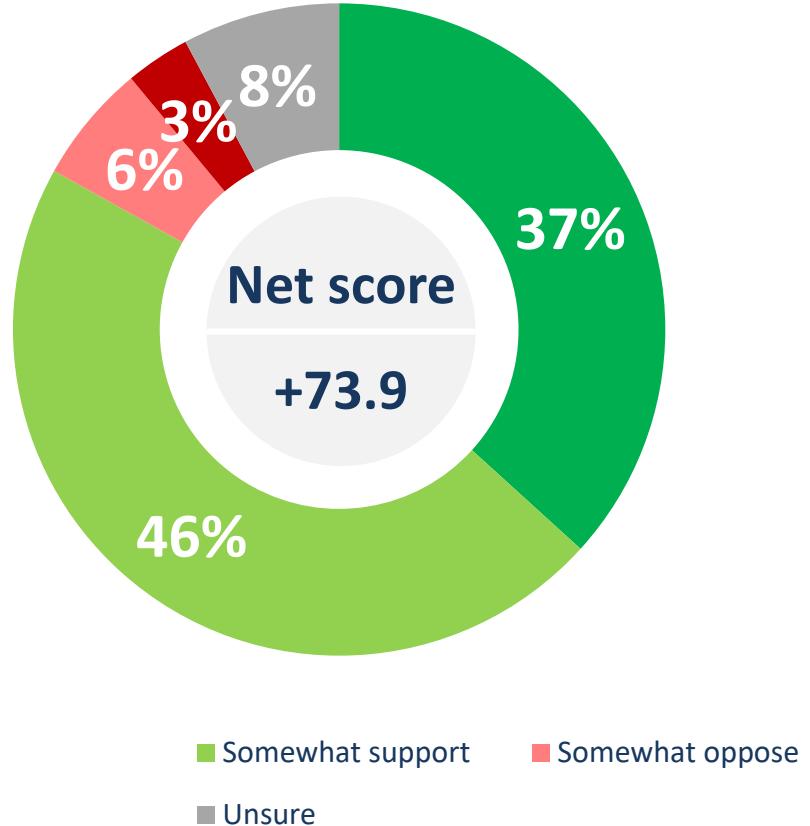
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QUESTION – Do you support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose or oppose the following initiatives? [RANDOMIZE]

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Support for school boards having more autonomy



	Support/ Somewhat support
City of Toronto (n=204)	85.2%
Eastern Ontario (n=135)	83.2%
Golden Horseshoe (n=176)	84.6%
GTA (n=227)	81.3%
Central/Northern Ontario (n=155)	82.7%
Southwestern Ontario (n=108)	80.8%
Male (n=501)	80.4%
Female (n=504)	85.5%
18 to 29 (n=188)	84.1%
30 to 39 (n=192)	82.2%
40 to 49 (n=154)	83.2%
50 to 59 (n=168)	81.7%
60 plus (n=303)	83.6%
Zero children in public school (n=686)	82.7%
One child in public school (n=151)	83.1%
Two or more children in public school (n=113)	83.9%

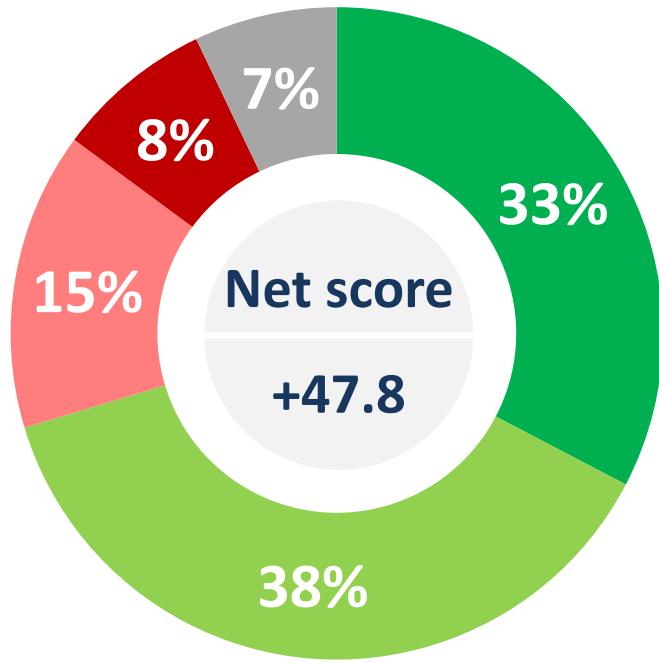
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QUESTION – Do you support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose or oppose the following initiatives? [RANDOMIZE]
School boards having more autonomy to ensure their budgets reflect local needs

Source: Nanos Research, online representative survey of Ontarians conducted between November 8th and 12th, 2019, n=1,005

Support for school boards having a mandatory Indigenous education curriculum



■ Support

■ Oppose

■ Somewhat support

■ Unsure

■ Somewhat oppose

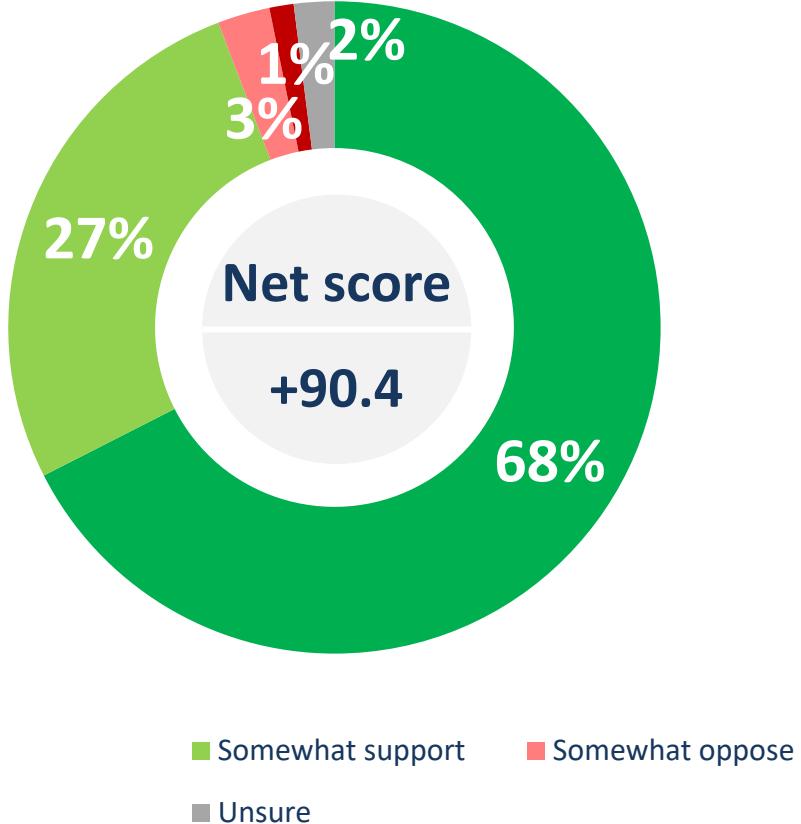
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Having mandatory Indigenous education curriculum for all students which advance students' knowledge and understanding of First Nation, Métis, and Inuit histories, cultures, contributions and perspectives.

Source: Nanos Research, online representative survey of Ontarians conducted between November 8th and 12th, 2019, n=1,005

Support for expanding opportunities for skilled trades



	Support/ Somewhat support
City of Toronto (n=204)	94.6%
Eastern Ontario (n=135)	95.3%
Golden Horseshoe (n=176)	94.6%
GTA (n=227)	90.5%
Central/Northern Ontario (n=155)	96.4%
Southwestern Ontario (n=108)	95.5%
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Female (n=504)	95.1%
18 to 29 (n=188)	90.6%
30 to 39 (n=192)	91.6%
40 to 49 (n=154)	91.8%
50 to 59 (n=168)	97.1%
60 plus (n=303)	97.6%
Zero children in public school (n=686)	94.4%
One child in public school (n=151)	94.5%
Two or more children in public school (n=113)	91.2%

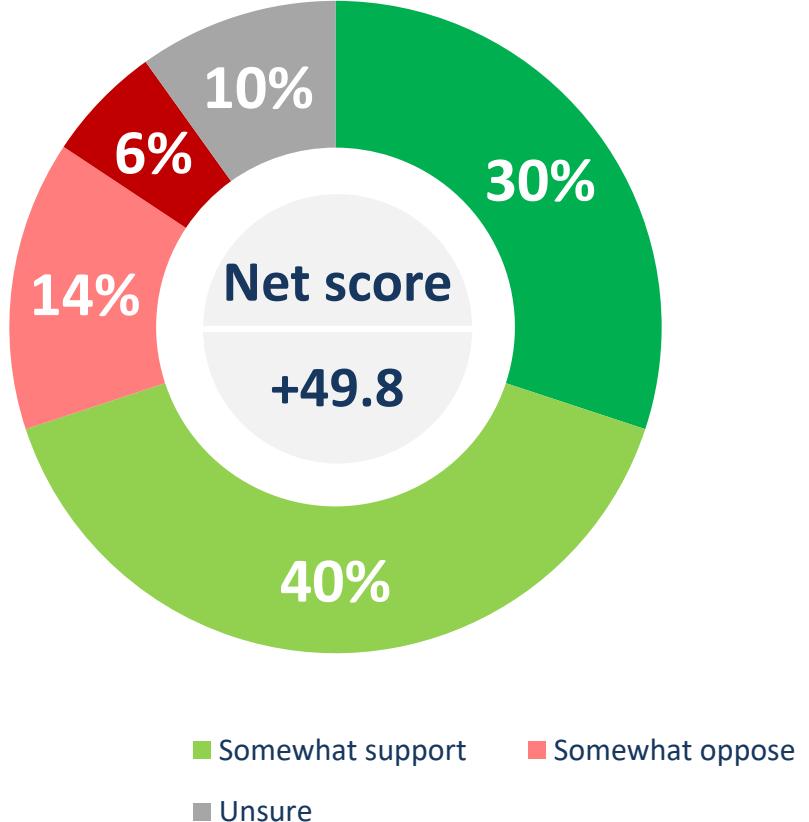
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QUESTION – Do you support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose or oppose the following initiatives? [RANDOMIZE]
Expanding the opportunities for students to learn skilled trades and earn apprenticeship hours while in secondary school

Source: Nanos Research, online representative survey of Ontarians conducted between November 8th and 12th, 2019, n=1,005

Support for school boards closing schools with declining student numbers



Support/ Somewhat support	
City of Toronto (n=204)	65.1%
Eastern Ontario (n=135)	66.6%
Golden Horseshoe (n=176)	75.8%
GTA (n=227)	70.5%
Central/Northern Ontario (n=155)	71.0%
Southwestern Ontario (n=108)	71.6%
Male (n=501)	73.3%
Female (n=504)	67.0%
18 to 29 (n=188)	52.0%
30 to 39 (n=192)	65.2%
40 to 49 (n=154)	72.3%
50 to 59 (n=168)	76.9%
60 plus (n=303)	79.2%
Zero children in public school (n=686)	71.4%
One child in public school (n=151)	62.6%
Two or more children in public school (n=113)	74.2%

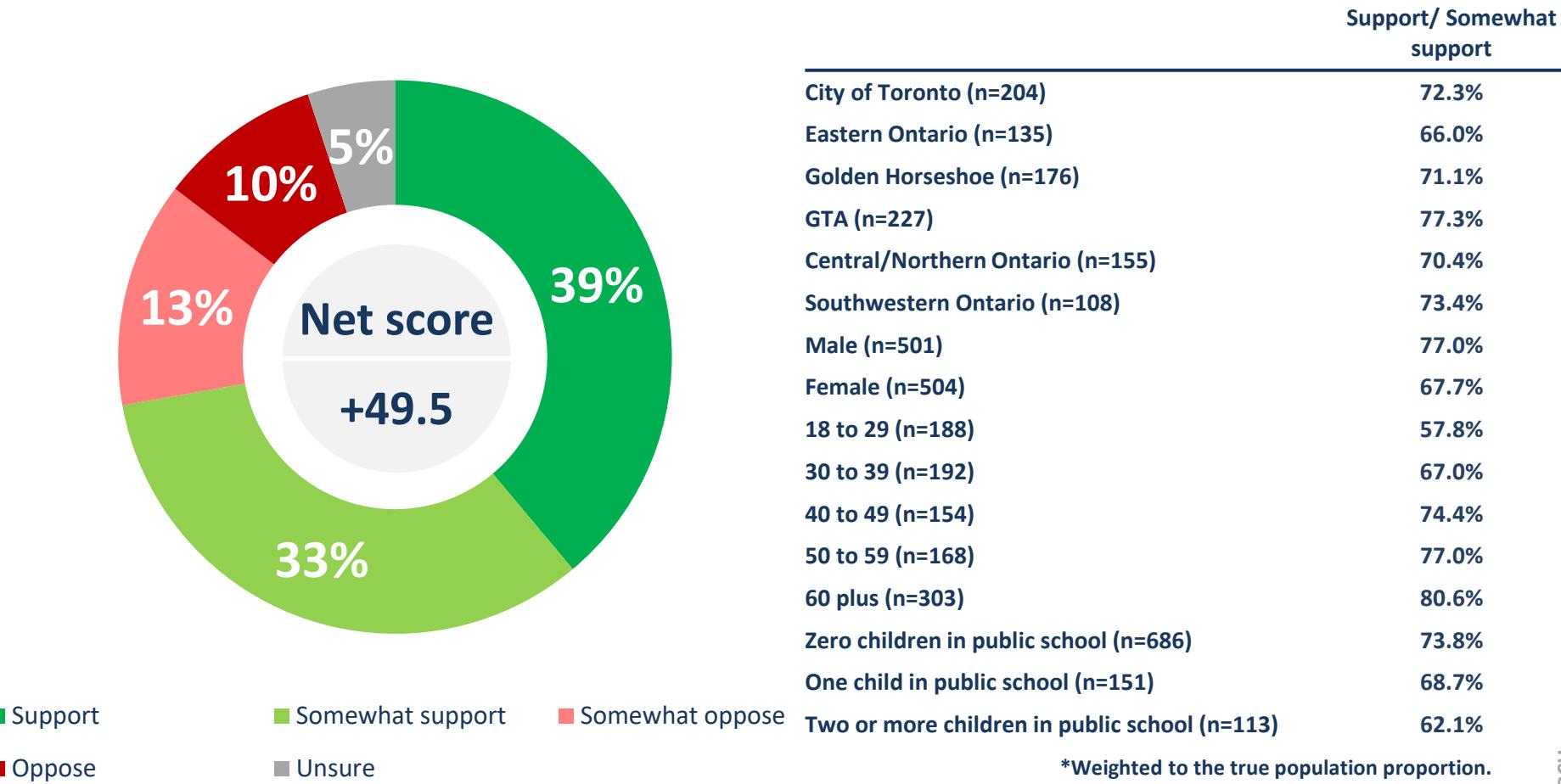
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QUESTION – Do you support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose or oppose the following initiatives? [RANDOMIZE]
Closing of schools when there has been a significant decline in the number of students and following a community consultation process

Source: Nanos Research, online representative survey of Ontarians conducted between November 8th and 12th, 2019, n=1,005

Support for school boards having standardized testing of students

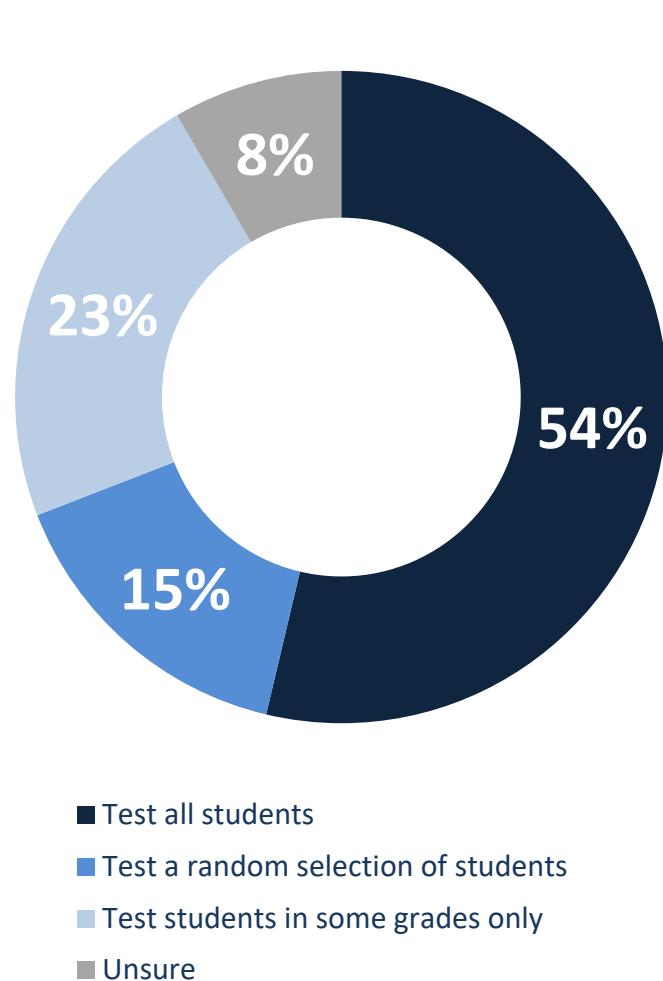


QUESTION – Do you support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose or oppose the following initiatives? [RANDOMIZE]

Having standardized testing/assessment of Ontario students

Source: Nanos Research, online representative survey of Ontarians conducted between November 8th and 12th, 2019, n=1,005

Approaches to standardized testing



Test all students	
City of Toronto (n=204)	55.9%
Eastern Ontario (n=135)	45.2%
Golden Horseshoe (n=176)	49.7%
GTA (n=227)	52.5%
Central/Northern Ontario (n=155)	60.2%
Southwestern Ontario (n=108)	58.9%
Male (n=501)	58.8%
Female (n=504)	48.9%
18 to 29 (n=188)	46.1%
30 to 39 (n=192)	54.7%
40 to 49 (n=154)	52.2%
50 to 59 (n=168)	57.1%
60 plus (n=303)	57.0%
Zero children in public school (n=686)	53.3%
One child in public school (n=151)	54.1%
Two or more children in public school (n=113)	50.3%

*Weighted to the true population proportion.

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QUESTION – When conducting standardized testing/assessment, which do you think is the best approach [ROTATE]:

SECTION C – CLASS SIZES



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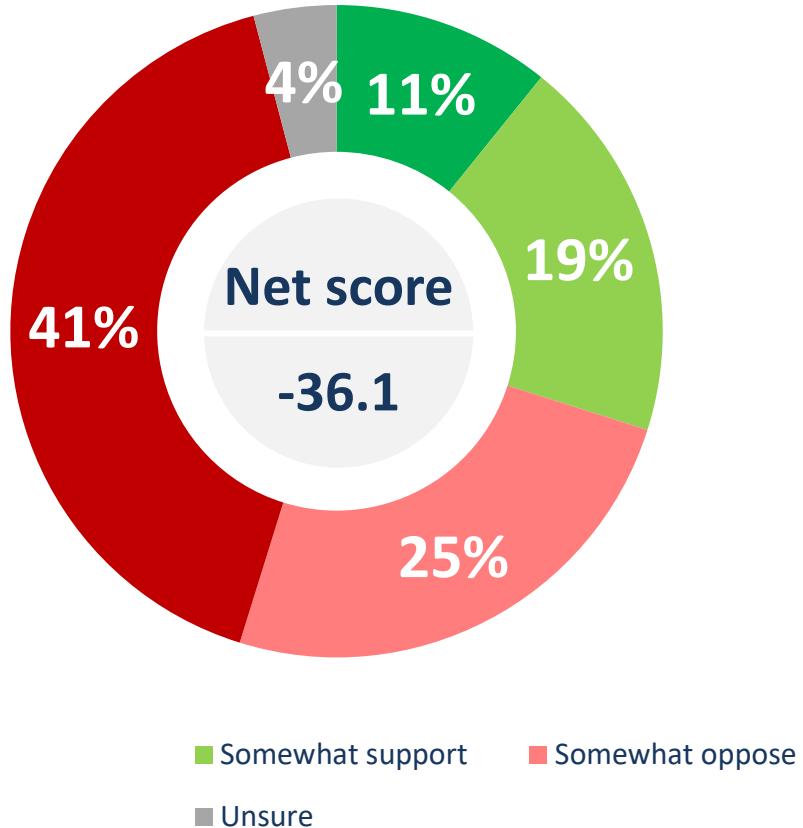


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Two in three Ontarians oppose or somewhat oppose having larger class sizes or less course selection as measures to save money in the education budget

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Support for more students per teacher to save money



QUESTION – Do you support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose or oppose having larger class sizes where there are more students per teacher in order to save money?

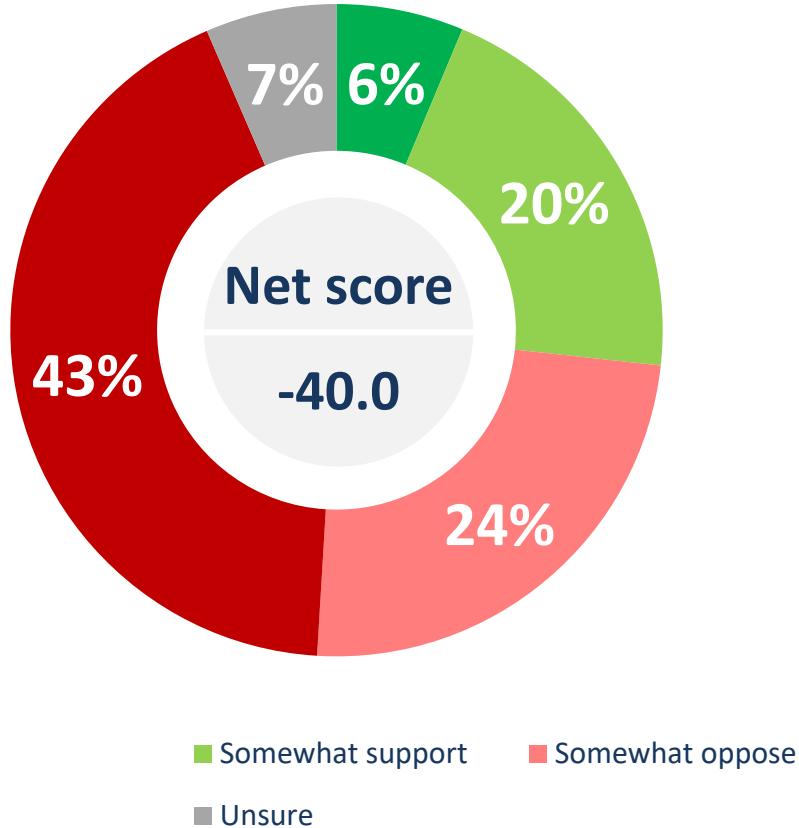
Source: Nanos Research, online representative survey of Ontarians conducted between November 8th and 12th, 2019, n=1,005

	Oppose/ Somewhat oppose
City of Toronto (n=204)	66.0%
Eastern Ontario (n=135)	69.7%
Golden Horseshoe (n=176)	64.0%
GTA (n=227)	64.2%
Central/Northern Ontario (n=155)	65.6%
Southwestern Ontario (n=108)	68.9%
Male (n=501)	59.1%
Female (n=504)	72.4%
18 to 29 (n=188)	68.7%
30 to 39 (n=192)	67.2%
40 to 49 (n=154)	62.3%
50 to 59 (n=168)	64.4%
60 plus (n=303)	66.6%
Zero children in public school (n=686)	66.3%
One child in public school (n=151)	64.5%
Two or more children in public school (n=113)	69.9%

*Weighted to the true population proportion.

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Support for less course selection to save money



	Oppose/ Somewhat oppose
City of Toronto (n=204)	60.0%
Eastern Ontario (n=135)	62.7%
Golden Horseshoe (n=176)	68.6%
GTA (n=227)	73.0%
Central/Northern Ontario (n=155)	65.0%
Southwestern Ontario (n=108)	72.0%
Male (n=501)	63.3%
Female (n=504)	70.1%
18 to 29 (n=188)	72.4%
30 to 39 (n=192)	68.7%
40 to 49 (n=154)	65.7%
50 to 59 (n=168)	62.4%
60 plus (n=303)	65.5%
Zero children in public school (n=686)	65.5%
One child in public school (n=151)	71.4%
Two or more children in public school (n=113)	69.1%

*Weighted to the true population proportion.

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QUESTION – Do you support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose or oppose having less course selection for students in order to save money in the education budget?

Source: Nanos Research, online representative survey of Ontarians conducted between November 8th and 12th, 2019, n=1,005

METHODOLOGY



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On behalf of the Ontario Public School Boards' Association, Nanos conducted a representative online survey of 1,005 Ontario residents, 18 years of age or older, between November 8th and 12th, 2019. Participants were administered a survey online. The sample is geographically stratified to be representative to the province of Ontario.

No margin of error applies to this research.

The research was commissioned by the Ontario Public School Boards' Association and was conducted by Nanos Research.

Note: Charts may not add up to 100 due to rounding.

TECHNICAL NOTE

Element	Description	Element	Description
Research sponsor	Ontario Public School Boards' Association	Weighting of Data	The results were weighted by age and gender using the latest Census information (2016) and the sample is geographically stratified to ensure a distribution across all regions of Ontario. See tables for full weighting disclosure.
Population and Final Sample Size	1,005 Ontario residents drawn from a panel.	Screening	Screening ensured potential respondents did not work in the market research industry, in the advertising industry, in the media or a political party prior to administering the survey to ensure the integrity of the data.
Source of Sample	Prodege	Excluded Demographics	Individuals younger than 18 years old; individuals without internet access could not participate.
Type of Sample	Representative non-probability	Stratification	By age and gender using the latest Census information (2016) and the sample is geographically stratified to be representative of Ontario.
Margin of Error	No margin of error applies to this research.	Estimated Response Rate	Not applicable
Mode of Survey	Online survey	Question Order	Question order in the preceding report reflects the order in which they appeared in the original questionnaire.
Sampling Method Base	Non-probability.	Question Content	All questions asked are contained in the report.
Demographics (Captured)	City of Toronto, Eastern Ontario, Golden Horseshoe West, GTA, Central/Northern Ontario, Southwestern Ontario; Men and Women; 18 years or older. Six digit postal code was used to validate geography.	Question Wording	The questions in the preceding report are written exactly as they were asked to individuals.
Demographics (Other)	Age, gender, education, income	Research/Data Collection Supplier	Nanos Research
Field Dates	November 8th to 12th, 2019.	Contact	Contact Nanos Research for more information or with any concerns or questions. http://www.nanos.co Telephone: (613) 234-4666 ext. 237 Email: info@nanosresearch.com .
Language of Survey	The survey was conducted in both English and French.		
Standards	Nanos Research is a member of the Canadian Research Insights Council (CRIC) and confirms that this research fully complies with all CRIC Standards including the CRIC Public Opinion Research Standards and Disclosure Requirements. https://canadianresearchinsightscouncil.ca/standards/		

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		Region						Gender		Age						
		Ontario 2019-11	City of Toronto	Eastern Ontario	Golden Horseshoe West	GTA	Central/Northern Ontario	Southwestern Ontario	Male	Female	18 to 29	30 to 39	40 to 49	50 to 59	60 plus	
Question 1 - Do you think that Ontario's students consistently receive higher than average, average or lower than average scores in international learning achievement tests?	Total	Unwgt N	1005	204	135	176	227	155	108	501	504	188	192	154	168	303
		Wgt N	1000	203	133	170	223	165	106	480	520	196	160	170	190	284
	Higher than average	%	11.9	14.5	12.2	14.8	9.1	11.8	7.6	15.0	8.9	15.4	13.7	9.5	9.3	11.5
	Average	%	54.8	58.3	55.6	56.8	54.6	51.7	48.9	50.8	58.4	59.6	61.7	48.4	53.3	52.3
	Lower than average	%	23.7	18.5	22.3	24.0	23.3	30.4	24.9	26.7	20.9	15.9	15.6	30.8	26.3	27.5
	Unsure	%	9.7	8.7	9.8	4.5	13.0	6.1	18.5	7.5	11.8	9.1	9.0	11.2	11.1	8.6

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		Region							Gender			Age					
		Ontario 2019-11	City of Toronto	Eastern Ontario	Golden Horseshoe West	GTA	Central/Northern Ontario	Southwestern Ontario	Male	Female	18 to 29	30 to 39	40 to 49	50 to 59	60 plus		
		Total	Unwgt N	1005	204	135	176	227	155	108	501	504	188	192	154	168	303
Question 2 - Given the choice is it better to elect School Board Trustees or to have them appointed by the Government of Ontario? [ROTATE]			Wgt N	1000	203	133	170	223	165	106	480	520	196	160	170	190	284
	Better to elect School Board Trustees	%		66.9	68.3	68.1	67.4	65.1	63.9	70.0	65.5	68.1	66.1	67.2	64.3	66.6	68.9
	Better to have the Government of Ontario appoint School Board Trustees	%		14.2	17.3	14.9	12.9	15.7	12.4	8.8	17.5	11.1	20.4	12.6	12.0	13.0	12.8
	Unsure	%		19.0	14.5	17.0	19.7	19.2	23.7	21.2	16.9	20.9	13.5	20.2	23.6	20.4	18.3

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		Region							Gender			Age				
		Ontario 2019-11	City of Toronto	Eastern Ontario	Golden Horseshoe West	GTA	Central/Northern Ontario	Southwestern Ontario	Male	Female	18 to 29	30 to 39	40 to 49	50 to 59	60 plus	
		Unwgt N	1005	204	135	176	227	155	108	501	504	188	192	154	168	303
Question 3 - What is a more important spending priority [ROTATE] spending money on public education or eliminating the deficit and paying down the debt?	Total	Wgt N	1000	203	133	170	223	165	106	480	520	196	160	170	190	284
	Spending money on public education	%	60.6	64.8	60.5	60.5	62.0	55.4	57.8	61.2	60.0	60.8	64.4	54.7	63.5	59.9
	Eliminating the deficit and paying down the debt	%	30.4	25.2	29.1	32.2	29.3	36.1	32.2	33.2	27.8	28.4	28.5	36.9	25.1	32.4
	Unsure	%	9.1	9.9	10.5	7.3	8.7	8.6	10.0	5.6	12.3	10.8	7.0	8.5	11.5	7.7

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		Region						Gender			Age					
		Ontario 2019-11	City of Toronto	Eastern Ontario	Golden Horseshoe West	GTA	Central/Northern Ontario	Southwestern Ontario	Male	Female	18 to 29	30 to 39	40 to 49	50 to 59	60 plus	
		Unwgt N	1005	204	135	176	227	155	108	501	504	188	192	154	168	303
Question 4- Do you support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose or oppose public tax dollars being used to help fund the private education system?	Total	Wgt N	1000	203	133	170	223	165	106	480	520	196	160	170	190	284
	Support	%	8.5	10.6	8.7	8.3	7.0	8.3	8.1	9.4	7.7	8.6	11.2	9.1	6.2	8.1
	Somewhat support	%	16.3	22.0	16.5	14.4	17.1	9.6	17.2	15.9	16.7	20.5	18.4	14.7	20.9	10.2
	Somewhat oppose	%	22.0	17.6	23.0	27.7	24.0	16.9	24.2	21.8	22.2	29.7	29.8	19.2	15.7	18.3
	Oppose	%	45.2	41.6	45.5	42.8	44.9	53.8	42.9	46.4	44.1	31.9	32.9	47.6	49.5	57.0
	Unsure	%	7.9	8.2	6.4	6.9	7.0	11.3	7.5	6.4	9.3	9.2	7.7	9.4	7.7	6.4

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		Region							Gender			Age				
		Ontario 2019-11	City of Toronto	Eastern Ontario	Golden Horseshoe West	GTA	Central/Northern Ontario	Southwestern Ontario	Male	Female	18 to 29	30 to 39	40 to 49	50 to 59	60 plus	
		Unwgt N	1005	204	135	176	227	155	108	501	504	188	192	154	168	303
Question 5 - Thinking of how funding for education in Ontario should be set, which of the following best reflects your personal view. [ROTATE]	Total	Unwgt N	1005	204	135	176	227	155	108	501	504	188	192	154	168	303
		Wgt N	1000	203	133	170	223	165	106	480	520	196	160	170	190	284
	The Government of Ontario should set education spending based overall provincial spending and school boards should work	%	24.0	24.5	24.2	19.0	19.8	30.6	29.1	25.7	22.4	22.0	23.9	25.7	24.7	23.8
	The Government of Ontario should set education spending based on the number of students and inflation	%	64.9	61.9	68.0	67.7	68.7	59.5	62.3	64.3	65.4	68.6	67.0	64.2	60.0	64.7
	Unsure	%	11.2	13.6	7.8	13.3	11.5	9.9	8.6	10.0	12.3	9.5	9.1	10.1	15.2	11.5

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		Region							Gender			Age				
		Ontario 2019-11	City of Toronto	Eastern Ontario	Golden Horseshoe West	GTA	Central/Northern Ontario	Southwestern Ontario	Male	Female	18 to 29	30 to 39	40 to 49	50 to 59	60 plus	
		Unwgt N	1005	204	135	176	227	155	108	501	504	188	192	154	168	303
Question 6 - Do you agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree or disagree that spending on public education is an investment in the future.	Total	Wgt N	1000	203	133	170	223	165	106	480	520	196	160	170	190	284
	Agree	%	67.5	67.6	65.1	72.7	68.3	66.0	62.7	63.9	70.8	62.6	62.2	64.4	67.6	75.7
	Somewhat agree	%	26.2	26.7	27.6	18.9	27.0	26.8	32.6	27.5	25.0	30.6	26.5	27.8	26.4	21.9
	Somewhat disagree	%	2.5	3.1	2.4	2.3	3.1	1.9	1.3	3.8	1.3	2.0	6.5	3.0	1.5	0.9
	Disagree	%	1.9	0.9	2.5	4.1	0.6	2.2	2.0	3.0	1.0	1.0	2.2	1.8	4.0	1.1
	Unsure	%	1.9	1.8	2.3	2.0	1.0	3.0	1.4	1.7	2.0	3.7	2.6	3.0	0.4	0.5

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Thinking of all the funding priorities in the public school system, are the following important, somewhat important, somewhat unimportant or unimportant priorities for more funding in the school system. [RANDOMIZE]

			Region						Gender			Age			
			Ontario	City of	Eastern	Golden	Central/Northern	Southwestern	Male	Female	18 to	30 to	40 to	50 to	60
			2019-11	Toronto	Ontario	Horseshoe	Ontario	Ontario	29	39	49	59	68	plus	
Question 7 - More funding for the maintenance, repair, and renewal of schools	Total	Unwgt N	1005	204	135	176	227	155	108	501	504	188	192	154	168
		Wgt N	1000	203	133	170	223	165	106	480	520	196	160	170	190
	Important	%	42.0	41.4	35.1	42.5	44.1	46.0	40.4	37.9	45.8	34.2	38.5	43.7	40.0
	Somewhat important	%	48.0	50.3	58.6	43.8	44.5	43.1	52.3	48.9	47.2	52.9	47.9	47.3	49.3
	Somewhat unimportant	%	6.3	4.9	3.9	8.7	6.5	7.7	5.3	8.2	4.5	9.1	8.0	4.2	7.5
	Unimportant	%	1.6	0.4	1.0	1.9	3.3	0.9	1.3	2.5	0.7	2.2	2.1	3.0	1.3
	Unsure	%	2.1	3.0	1.5	3.1	1.6	2.3	0.6	2.5	1.8	1.6	3.5	1.9	2.0

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Thinking of all the funding priorities in the public school system, are the following important, somewhat important, somewhat unimportant or unimportant priorities for more funding in the school system. [RANDOMIZE]

		Region							Gender			Age				
		Ontario 2019-11	City of Toronto	Eastern Ontario	Golden Horseshoe West	GTA	Central/Northern Ontario	Southwestern Ontario	Male	Female	18 to 29	30 to 39	40 to 49	50 to 59	60 plus	
Question 8 - More funding for special education programs which help students with behavioural, communication, intellectual and physical issues	Total	Unwgt N	1005	204	135	176	227	155	108	501	504	188	192	154	168	303
		Wgt N	1000	203	133	170	223	165	106	480	520	196	160	170	190	284
	Important	%	51.8	50.9	51.7	43.3	55.0	57.0	52.6	45.2	58.0	51.9	52.3	49.3	48.3	55.4
	Somewhat important	%	38.1	39.6	40.7	43.7	36.8	29.5	39.4	42.7	34.0	39.5	36.1	40.8	38.8	36.3
	Somewhat unimportant	%	5.5	5.7	3.2	8.2	3.8	6.4	5.6	5.2	5.8	6.2	6.4	5.5	5.3	4.6
	Unimportant	%	2.2	1.7	1.7	2.2	2.2	4.1	1.3	4.4	0.2	1.2	3.4	2.7	3.7	1.0
	Unsure	%	2.3	2.0	2.7	2.6	2.1	3.0	1.2	2.6	2.1	1.2	1.9	1.6	3.8	2.6

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Thinking of all the funding priorities in the public school system, are the following important, somewhat important, somewhat unimportant or unimportant priorities for more funding in the school system. [RANDOMIZE]

		Region							Gender		Age						
		Ontario 2019-11	City of Toronto	Eastern Ontario	Golden Horseshoe West	GTA	Central/Northern Ontario	Southwestern Ontario	Male	Female	18 to 29	30 to 39	40 to 49	50 to 59	60 plus		
Question 9 - More funding for school boards to offer mental health support for students and staff	Total	Unwgt N	1005	204	135	176	227	155	108	501	504	188	192	154	168	303	
		Wgt N	1000	203	133	170	223	165	106	480	520	196	160	170	190	284	
	Important	%	49.8	47.9	51.3	45.4	47.0	57.6	52.4	41.2	57.8	57.0	51.9	42.0	44.2	52.1	
	Somewhat important	%	37.9	42.5	39.0	38.4	39.4	29.0	37.3	43.9	32.2	34.7	38.0	43.4	42.3	33.7	
	Somewhat unimportant	%	6.4	3.8	4.5	9.5	7.9	7.3	4.5	6.8	6.1	4.8	5.6	9.1	4.6	7.6	
	Unimportant	%	2.8	1.9	2.8	3.7	2.2	3.4	3.2	4.6	1.1	2.2	2.7	2.4	3.6	2.9	
		Unsure	%	3.1	3.8	2.5	3.0	3.6	2.7	2.6	3.5	2.8	1.2	1.8	3.2	5.4	3.7

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Do you support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose or oppose the following initiatives? [RANDOMIZE]

		Region							Gender		Age					
		Ontario 2019-11	City of Toronto	Eastern Ontario	Golden Horseshoe West	GTA	Central/Northern Ontario	Southwestern Ontario	Male	Female	18 to 29	30 to 39	40 to 49	50 to 59	60 plus	
Question 10 - School boards having more autonomy to ensure their budgets reflect local needs	Total	Unwgt N	1005	204	135	176	227	155	108	501	504	188	192	154	168	303
		Wgt N	1000	203	133	170	223	165	106	480	520	196	160	170	190	284
	Support	%	36.7	40.9	34.8	37.3	33.3	38.8	34.1	32.8	40.3	28.4	35.2	32.8	36.9	45.5
	Somewhat support	%	46.3	44.3	48.4	47.3	48.0	43.9	46.7	47.6	45.2	55.7	47.0	50.4	44.8	38.1
	Somewhat oppose	%	5.9	6.1	6.4	6.3	8.3	5.1	0.7	8.6	3.4	4.7	6.5	3.3	7.7	6.8
	Oppose	%	3.2	1.4	3.2	2.2	3.3	6.3	3.3	4.6	2.0	2.5	2.1	5.6	3.7	2.7
	Unsure	%	7.8	7.3	7.2	6.9	7.1	6.0	15.2	6.5	9.0	8.7	9.1	7.8	7.0	6.9

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Do you support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose or oppose the following initiatives? [RANDOMIZE]

		Region							Gender		Age					
		Ontario 2019-11	City of Toronto	Eastern Ontario	Golden Horseshoe West	GTA	Central/Northern Ontario	Southwestern Ontario	Male	Female	18 to 29	30 to 39	40 to 49	50 to 59	60 plus	
Question 11 - Having mandatory indigenous education curriculum for all students which advance students' knowledge and understanding of First Nation, Métis, and Inuit histories, cultures, contributions and perspectives.	Total	Unwgt N	1005	204	135	176	227	155	108	501	504	188	192	154	168	303
		Wgt N	1000	203	133	170	223	165	106	480	520	196	160	170	190	284
	Support	%	32.7	36.3	28.9	29.7	34.4	32.7	32.0	29.4	35.7	35.8	31.0	26.7	31.3	36.0
	Somewhat support	%	37.7	40.7	42.3	43.5	35.4	28.6	36.1	39.3	36.2	38.8	37.4	36.6	40.2	36.1
	Somewhat oppose	%	14.8	10.6	13.7	12.0	13.2	23.9	17.6	15.4	14.2	12.9	15.1	18.7	13.5	14.3
	Oppose	%	7.8	4.6	9.2	9.0	8.3	9.1	6.9	10.3	5.4	7.1	8.9	7.3	10.6	6.0
	Unsure	%	7.1	7.9	5.9	5.8	8.7	5.8	7.4	5.6	8.4	5.4	7.6	10.7	4.4	7.6

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Do you support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose or oppose the following initiatives? [RANDOMIZE]

			Region						Gender		Age					
			Ontario 2019-11	City of Toronto	Eastern Ontario	Golden Horseshoe West	GTA	Central/Northern Ontario	Southwestern Ontario	Male	Female	18 to 29	30 to 39	40 to 49	50 to 59	60 plus
			Unwgt N	1005	204	135	176	227	155	108	501	504	188	192	154	168
Question 12 - Expanding the opportunities for students to learn skilled trades and earn apprenticeship hours while in secondary school	Total	Unwgt N	1005	204	135	176	227	155	108	501	504	188	192	154	168	303
		Wgt N	1000	203	133	170	223	165	106	480	520	196	160	170	190	284
	Support	%	67.5	60.2	63.4	75.5	63.9	72.3	74.2	65.2	69.6	60.0	65.8	55.7	75.4	75.6
	Somewhat support	%	26.7	34.4	31.9	19.1	26.6	24.1	21.3	27.9	25.5	30.6	25.8	36.1	21.7	22.0
	Somewhat oppose	%	2.6	1.6	1.4	3.0	5.1	2.1	1.3	2.6	2.6	4.5	3.0	4.0	2.5	0.4
	Oppose	%	1.2	0.9	0.6	0.9	2.4	0.3	1.8	1.9	0.5	1.2	2.0	3.4	0.0	0.2
	Unsure	%	2.0	2.8	2.8	1.5	1.9	1.2	1.4	2.3	1.7	3.8	3.4	0.7	0.4	1.8

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		Region							Gender		Age					
		Ontario 2019-11	City of Toronto	Eastern Ontario	Golden Horseshoe West	GTA	Central/Northern Ontario	Southwestern Ontario	Male	Female	18 to 29	30 to 39	40 to 49	50 to 59	60 plus	
		Unwgt N	1005	204	135	176	227	155	108	501	504	188	192	154	168	303
Question 13 - Closing of schools when there has been a significant decline in the number of students and following a community consultation process.	Total	Unwgt N	1005	204	135	176	227	155	108	501	504	188	192	154	168	303
	Support	Wgt N	1000	203	133	170	223	165	106	480	520	196	160	170	190	284
	Somewhat support	%	39.9	33.3	37.6	41.6	38.9	42.9	50.2	39.8	40.0	36.3	42.3	40.1	39.4	41.3
	Somewhat oppose	%	14.4	17.7	17.4	12.1	12.5	14.8	10.9	15.4	13.4	24.6	15.3	11.0	10.9	11.0
	Oppose	%	5.8	6.1	2.8	5.5	4.9	7.4	8.6	4.1	7.3	4.7	6.1	6.5	9.2	3.7
	Unsure	%	9.9	11.1	13.2	6.6	12.0	6.8	8.9	7.2	12.3	18.7	13.4	10.3	3.0	6.1

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		Region						Gender		Age							
		Ontario 2019-11	City of Toronto	Eastern Ontario	Golden Horseshoe West	GTA	Central/Northern Ontario	Southwestern Ontario	Male	Female	18 to 29	30 to 39	40 to 49	50 to 59	60 plus		
Question 14 - Having standardized testing/assessment of Ontario students	Total	Unwgt N	1005	204	135	176	227	155	108	501	504	188	192	154	168	303	
		Wgt N	1000	203	133	170	223	165	106	480	520	196	160	170	190	284	
	Support	%	38.9	38.7	35.6	36.4	40.3	39.7	42.8	41.7	36.2	22.5	36.2	33.0	43.0	52.4	
	Somewhat support	%	33.3	33.6	30.4	34.7	37.0	30.7	30.6	35.3	31.5	35.3	30.8	41.4	33.9	28.2	
	Somewhat oppose	%	13.2	13.8	17.4	11.1	7.9	18.6	12.8	10.8	15.4	19.0	18.6	8.9	11.6	9.8	
	Oppose	%	9.5	7.8	10.2	11.0	10.4	8.0	10.4	7.5	11.4	13.9	8.7	10.2	8.7	7.2	
		Unsure	%	5.1	6.1	6.3	6.8	4.4	3.0	3.4	4.6	5.5	9.2	5.8	6.6	2.8	2.4

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		Region							Gender			Age				
		Ontario 2019-11	City of Toronto	Eastern Ontario	Golden Horseshoe West	GTA	Central/Northern Ontario	Southwestern Ontario	Male	Female	18 to 29	30 to 39	40 to 49	50 to 59	60 plus	
		Unwgt N	1005	204	135	176	227	155	108	501	504	188	192	154	168	303
Question 15 - When conducting standardized testing/assessment, which do you think is the best approach [ROTATE]:	Total	Wgt N	1000	203	133	170	223	165	106	480	520	196	160	170	190	284
	Test all students	%	53.7	55.9	45.2	49.7	52.5	60.2	58.9	58.8	48.9	46.1	54.7	52.2	57.1	57.0
	Test a random selection of students	%	15.4	12.4	18.8	14.5	16.5	14.6	17.5	16.4	14.5	13.5	17.8	17.7	16.1	13.6
	Test students in some grades only	%	22.5	19.3	29.4	28.6	19.6	20.8	19.0	18.8	25.9	30.7	16.7	19.2	20.1	23.7
	Unsure	%	8.4	12.4	6.5	7.2	11.4	4.5	4.7	6.0	10.6	9.7	10.8	10.9	6.7	5.7

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		Region							Gender		Age					
		Ontario		City of	Eastern	Golden	Central/Northern	Southwestern	Male	Female	18 to	30 to	40 to	50 to	60	
		2019-11		Toronto	Ontario	Horseshoe	Ontario	Ontario			29	39	49	59	plus	
Question 16 - Do you support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose or oppose having larger class sizes where there are more students per teacher in order to save money?	Total	Unwgt N	1005	204	135	176	227	155	108	501	504	188	192	154	168	303
		Wgt N	1000	203	133	170	223	165	106	480	520	196	160	170	190	284
	Support	%	10.8	13.6	10.3	10.4	9.5	10.7	9.8	13.8	8.1	9.2	9.1	11.6	11.0	12.3
	Somewhat support	%	19.1	15.1	16.8	21.6	24.6	16.8	17.6	23.7	14.8	17.3	18.5	20.0	20.1	19.4
	Somewhat oppose	%	24.9	25.3	25.0	24.7	25.0	24.2	25.2	24.7	25.1	28.4	27.0	22.3	25.4	22.5
	Oppose	%	41.1	40.7	44.7	39.3	39.2	41.4	43.7	34.4	47.3	40.3	40.2	40.0	38.9	44.1
	Unsure	%	4.1	5.3	3.2	4.1	1.7	7.0	3.7	3.5	4.7	4.7	5.1	6.2	4.5	1.7

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		Region							Gender			Age				
		Ontario 2019-11	City of Toronto	Eastern Ontario	Golden Horseshoe West	GTA	Central/Northern Ontario	Southwestern Ontario	Male	Female	18 to 29	30 to 39	40 to 49	50 to 59	60 plus	
		Unwgt N	1005	204	135	176	227	155	108	501	504	188	192	154	168	303
Question 17 - Do you support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose or oppose having less course selection for students in order to save money in the education budget.	Total	Wgt N	1000	203	133	170	223	165	106	480	520	196	160	170	190	284
	Support	%	6.3	9.6	6.9	4.8	5.1	5.0	6.4	7.8	5.0	6.4	5.9	6.8	8.5	4.8
	Somewhat support	%	20.4	19.4	23.0	21.2	17.3	24.7	17.5	21.4	19.4	17.0	19.7	22.8	20.5	21.6
	Somewhat oppose	%	24.2	18.1	23.9	26.2	29.3	23.1	24.7	27.4	21.4	25.3	26.5	25.8	23.4	21.9
	Oppose	%	42.5	41.9	38.8	42.4	43.7	41.9	47.3	35.9	48.7	47.1	42.2	39.9	39.0	43.6
	Unsure	%	6.5	11.1	7.4	5.5	4.6	5.3	4.1	7.6	5.5	4.2	5.7	4.7	8.7	8.1

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How many children, if any do you have in the public school system?							
	Total	Unwgt N	Ontario 2019-11	Zero	One	Two or more	Refuse
Question 1 - Do you think that Ontario's students consistently receive higher than average, average or lower than average scores in international learning achievement tests?	Higher than average	Wgt N %	1005	686	151	113	55
	Average		1000	683	146	114	56
	Lower than average		11.9	12.4	14.0	5.7	12.9
	Unsure		54.8	54.9	53.6	55.7	53.9
			23.7	22.3	26.1	29.1	23.6
			9.7	10.5	6.3	9.5	9.5
How many children, if any do you have in the public school system?							
	Total	Unwgt N	Ontario 2019-11	Zero	One	Two or more	Refuse
Question 2 - Given the choice is it better to elect School Board Trustees or to have them appointed by the Government of Ontario? [ROTATE]	Higher than average	Wgt N %	1005	686	151	113	55
	Better to elect School Board Trustees		1000	683	146	114	56
	Better to have the Government of Ontario appoint School Board Trustees		66.9	65.5	66.8	75.3	66.5
	Unsure		14.2	13.2	17.5	10.5	24.1
			19.0	21.3	15.6	14.2	9.5



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How many children, if any do you have in the public school system?							
Question 3 - What is a more important spending priority [ROTATE] spending money on public education or eliminating the deficit and paying down the debt?	Total	Ontario 2019-11	Zero	One	Two or more	Refuse	
		Unwgt N	1005	686	151	113	55
	Spending money on public education	Wgt N %	1000 60.6	683 60.8	146 58.4	114 68.2	56 48.2
	Eliminating the deficit and paying down the debt	Wgt N %	30.4	30.2	32.9	24.2	38.0
	Unsure	Wgt N %	9.1	9.0	8.7	7.5	13.8

How many children, if any do you have in the public school system?							
Question 4- Do you support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose or oppose public tax dollars being used to help fund the private education system?	Total	Ontario 2019-11	Zero	One	Two or more	Refuse	
		Unwgt N	1005	686	151	113	55
	Support	Wgt N %	1000 8.5	683 8.3	146 8.6	114 10.8	56 5.8
	Somewhat support	Wgt N %	16.3	14.8	23.5	12.7	24.1
	Somewhat oppose	Wgt N %	22.0	22.4	21.7	22.5	18.1
	Oppose	Wgt N %	45.2	46.3	37.5	48.8	44.0
	Unsure	Wgt N %	7.9	8.2	8.7	5.2	8.0



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How many children, if any do you have in the public school system?							
Question 5 - Thinking of how funding for education in Ontario should be set, which of the following best reflects your personal view. [ROTATE]	Total	Ontario 2019-11	Zero	One	Two or more	Refuse	
		Unwgt N	1005	686	151	113	55
		Wgt N	1000	683	146	114	56
	The Government of Ontario should set education spending based overall provincial spending and school boards should work	%	24.0	21.6	29.8	24.4	36.9
	The Government of Ontario should set education spending based on the number of students and inflation	%	64.9	65.2	61.3	72.5	55.2
	Unsure	%	11.2	13.2	8.9	3.2	7.9

How many children, if any do you have in the public school system?							
Question 6 - Do you agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree or disagree that spending on public education is an investment in the future.	Total	Ontario 2019-11	Zero	One	Two or more	Refuse	
		Unwgt N	1005	686	151	113	55
		Wgt N	1000	683	146	114	56
	Agree	%	67.5	68.8	61.3	73.3	56.5
	Somewhat agree	%	26.2	25.7	29.6	19.7	36.9
	Somewhat disagree	%	2.5	2.5	3.5	1.2	2.4
	Disagree	%	1.9	1.6	2.6	1.9	4.3
	Unsure	%	1.9	1.5	3.0	3.9	0.0



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Thinking of all the funding priorities in the public school system, are the following important, somewhat important, somewhat unimportant or unimportant priorities for more funding in the school system. [RANDOMIZE]

		How many children, if any do you have in the public school system?					
Question 7 - More funding for the maintenance, repair, and renewal of schools	Total	Unwgt N	Ontario 2019-11	Zero	One	Two or more	Refuse
		Wgt N	1005	686	151	113	55
	Important	%	42.0	42.0	42.1	42.6	40.3
	Somewhat important	%	48.0	48.8	45.3	47.5	47.2
	Somewhat unimportant	%	6.3	4.9	10.3	7.4	9.9
	Unimportant	%	1.6	1.6	1.3	1.8	1.3
	Unsure	%	2.1	2.7	1.0	0.7	1.3

Thinking of all the funding priorities in the public school system, are the following important, somewhat important, somewhat unimportant or unimportant priorities for more funding in the school system. [RANDOMIZE]

		How many children, if any do you have in the public school system?					
Question 8 - More funding for special education programs which help students with behavioural, communication, intellectual and physical issues	Total	Unwgt N	Ontario 2019-11	Zero	One	Two or more	Refuse
		Wgt N	1005	686	151	113	55
	Important	%	51.8	52.6	51.9	53.2	39.2
	Somewhat important	%	38.1	37.7	36.5	35.5	53.6
	Somewhat unimportant	%	5.5	4.9	6.6	7.3	5.9
	Unimportant	%	2.2	2.2	2.3	3.3	0.0
	Unsure	%	2.3	2.6	2.7	0.7	1.3

Thinking of all the funding priorities in the public school system, are the following important, somewhat important, somewhat unimportant or unimportant priorities for more funding in the school system. [RANDOMIZE]

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		How many children, if any do you have in the public school system?					
Question 9 - More funding for school boards to offer mental health support for students and staff	Total	Unwgt N	Ontario 2019-11	Zero	One	Two or more	Refuse
		Wgt N	1005	686	151	113	55
	Important	%	49.8	50.5	47.7	50.4	45.4
	Somewhat important	%	37.9	38.3	35.9	37.8	38.1
	Somewhat unimportant	%	6.4	5.9	7.7	6.6	9.5
	Unimportant	%	2.8	2.7	2.3	2.4	5.8
	Unsure	%	3.1	2.7	6.5	2.8	1.3

Do you support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose or oppose the following initiatives? [RANDOMIZE]

		How many children, if any do you have in the public school system?					
Question 10 - School boards having more autonomy to ensure their budgets reflect local needs	Total	Unwgt N	Ontario 2019-11	Zero	One	Two or more	Refuse
		Wgt N	1005	686	151	113	55
	Support	%	36.7	35.5	38.7	38.8	41.5
	Somewhat support	%	46.3	47.2	44.3	45.1	44.4
	Somewhat oppose	%	5.9	6.3	5.1	3.7	7.6
	Oppose	%	3.2	2.8	4.5	4.6	2.3
	Unsure	%	7.8	8.2	7.3	7.8	4.2

Do you support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose or oppose the following initiatives? [RANDOMIZE]



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		How many children, if any do you have in the public school system?					
Question 11 - Having mandatory indigenous education curriculum for all students which advance students' knowledge and understanding of First Nation, Métis, and Inuit histories, cultures, contributions and perspectives.	Total	Unwgt N	Ontario 2019-11	Zero	One	Two or more	Refuse
		Wgt N	1005	686	151	113	55
	Support	%	32.7	35.0	29.0	28.2	23.2
	Somewhat support	%	37.7	36.4	40.2	39.0	44.4
	Somewhat oppose	%	14.8	14.6	16.7	13.1	14.5
	Oppose	%	7.8	6.9	7.9	11.1	10.9
	Unsure	%	7.1	7.0	6.1	8.5	7.0

Do you support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose or oppose the following initiatives? [RANDOMIZE]

		How many children, if any do you have in the public school system?					
Question 12 - Expanding the opportunities for students to learn skilled trades and earn apprenticeship hours while in secondary school	Total	Unwgt N	Ontario 2019-11	Zero	One	Two or more	Refuse
		Wgt N	1005	686	151	113	55
	Support	%	67.5	69.6	60.4	65.1	65.8
	Somewhat support	%	26.7	24.8	34.1	26.1	30.4
	Somewhat oppose	%	2.6	2.4	2.3	4.1	3.7
	Oppose	%	1.2	0.9	2.1	2.4	0.0
	Unsure	%	2.0	2.3	1.2	2.2	0.0

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How many children, if any do you have in the public school system?							
Question 13 - Closing of schools when there has been a significant decline in the number of students and following a community consultation process.	Total	Ontario 2019-11	Zero	One	Two or more	Refuse	
		Unwgt N	1005	686	151	113	55
	Support	%	30.1	30.7	28.7	32.4	21.5
	Somewhat support	%	39.9	40.7	33.9	41.8	42.2
	Somewhat oppose	%	14.4	13.8	17.3	8.8	24.8
	Oppose	%	5.8	5.3	9.4	5.2	2.6
	Unsure	%	9.9	9.5	10.8	11.8	8.8

Do you support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose or oppose the following initiatives? [RANDOMIZE]

How many children, if any do you have in the public school system?							
Question 14 - Having standardized testing/assessment of Ontario students	Total	Ontario 2019-11	Zero	One	Two or more	Refuse	
		Unwgt N	1005	686	151	113	55
	Support	%	38.9	39.4	36.9	32.3	50.7
	Somewhat support	%	33.3	34.4	31.7	29.9	31.5
	Somewhat oppose	%	13.2	12.0	17.1	17.9	7.7
	Oppose	%	9.5	8.6	10.8	13.9	8.6
	Unsure	%	5.1	5.5	3.4	6.1	1.5

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Question 15 - When conducting standardized testing/assessment, which do you think is the best approach [ROTATE]:	Total	Ontario 2019-11	Zero	One	Two or more	Refuse
		Unwgt N	1005	686	151	55
		Wgt N	1000	683	146	56
	Test all students	%	53.7	53.3	54.1	50.3
	Test a random selection of students	%	15.4	13.8	17.7	21.7
	Test students in some grades only	%	22.5	24.2	18.2	21.0
	Unsure	%	8.4	8.7	9.9	7.0
						3.3

How many children, if any do you have in the public school system?

Question 16 - Do you support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose or oppose having larger class sizes where there are more students per teacher in order to save money?	Total	Ontario 2019-11	Zero	One	Two or more	Refuse
		Unwgt N	1005	686	151	113
		Wgt N	1000	683	146	56
	Support	%	10.8	10.6	12.6	9.1
	Somewhat support	%	19.1	18.8	17.3	18.4
	Somewhat oppose	%	24.9	26.8	21.3	18.4
	Oppose	%	41.1	39.4	43.2	51.5
	Unsure	%	4.1	4.4	5.5	2.7
						0.0

How many children, if any do you have in the public school system?



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Question 17 - Do you support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose or oppose having less course selection for students in order to save money in the education budget.	Total	Unwgt N	Ontario 2019-11	Zero	One	Two or more	Refuse
			1005				
		Wgt N	1000	683	146	114	56
	Support	%	6.3	5.5	5.5	11.2	8.2
	Somewhat support	%	20.4	21.4	18.2	16.7	21.3
	Somewhat oppose	%	24.2	22.6	24.9	29.8	30.5
	Oppose	%	42.5	42.8	46.4	39.3	36.0
	Unsure	%	6.5	7.7	4.9	3.0	4.1